

A VISIT TO MITCHELL CO. STORM SCENES

Having a desire to give the readers of the Mail some facts and first hand detail information, in the way of a news article the writer left early Tuesday morning for the scenes of the Mitchell county cyclone disaster, and to say that we found things throughout that stricken area unbelievable is indeed putting it mild.

We have always thought that the English language was equal to express any emergency when it came to expressing a condition, circumstance or thought, but we are at a complete loss of words with which to paint anything but a comparative word picture of the actual destruction and desolation found everywhere along the devastated territory swept by Monday's tornado. The most unreasonable, freakish and curious things meet the eye on every hand; apparently solid iron or posts anchored in the ground were of no more consequence than so much wood or straw.

The most pitiful cases of destitution we have ever known were found in every locality where death had not destroyed the whole family. In almost every instance everything had been blown away in some of the entire family injured or killed outright without even a semblance of warning.

A large number are badly injured and will be crippled for life and with a very few exceptions the personal property of every one in the path of the storm were destroyed; and the spirit of Christianity and human fellowship of those out of, but near the path of destruction is wonderful to see. Race, creed or color lines are entirely forgotten in a sincere desire to help the pitiful victims. Every thing human possible is being done for the injured but it is absolutely impossible for the community in itself to care for the destitute and homeless, of which there are some three hundred-fifty families and we feel sure that Merkel will do her part in raising a fund as other towns are doing.

This morning (Thursday) we viewed the negatives Mr. Groene (who was with us on the trip secured. They are truly wonderful and portray as nothing else can, the unbelievable things one sees in the path of the cyclone. And we understand these views are to be shown at the Cozy Theatre Friday night. And let us say here that even just a few of these views tell more about the real facts and destruction of the storm in a minute or two than we could write in an hour.

The first point of the storm's path we visited, was at the home of a Mr. J. M. Brown, about two miles beyond Loraine, where the cyclone crossed the Loraine-Colorado road. Mr. Brown's home was you might say "skidded" some ten or fifteen feet and practically crushed. The entire family were safe as they had just gotten into the storm cellar as the horrible wind swept down upon them. Their barns, garage, and all out houses were literally blown to atoms. As one of the freaks of the storm at this place we notice that just to a line one half of the shingles on the house were blown off, while the remaining half seemed to be in perfect tact. Also our attention was called by members of the family to a chicken coop made of loose brick, covered with just a wide loose board, none of

which seemed to have been moved in the least, while right by the side, almost touching the coop, a fence post was jerked out of the ground some 18 inches and blown completely away.

From here, we drove into the town of Colorado where we found the entire citizenship and countryside assembled in mourning for the dead, dying and maimed, and where during the afternoon some ten of the tornado's victims were tenderly laid to rest in the different cemeteries. It was indeed a sad condition.

After eating a lunch, we drove out over a greater portion of the wrecked and ruined country. We visited some seven or eight homes, every one of which were a total loss, together with everything in the way of household effects, clothing, food etc. At some of these several had been killed and crippled, while in other instances large families had gone through the storm with but little or no bodily injury, even when the homes were literally blown to atoms.

Perhaps the greatest damage in material wealth at any one point was found at the E. M. Reese, home four miles southwest of Colorado, and which was the finest in all the west, costing about \$15,000, was a total wreck, being scattered over the fields for miles. Mr. Reese was a well to do and prosperous farmer and had every conceivable kind of modern farm implements, tools etc., and even these were absolutely wrecked beyond recognition as to just what kind of implement each were. Also every piece of furniture and household effects were either blown away, torn to bits or buried in the mud by the storm.

Just one mile east of this Mr. Reese's son and young wife, sides; having but recently gone to housekeeping, they escaped personal injury by the fact that they were in the storm house, but their home and all contents were blown away, hardly leaving any sign of where the home stood, not even a piece of the foundation. It was here that a pine splinter from the derbis was driven into the heart of a calf; killing it instantly no doubt. And here as was found all along the path dead chickens, horses and cattle were found or reported.

A short distance further east to the Looney school together with two homes just a short distance away were completely demolished and blown to the four winds. There were nine in one home here who saw the storm approaching and made an attempt to run for a cellar across the road, but only reached a few feet away when the terrific wind swooped down upon them. We talked with a young man in the family who stated that it was all over in less time than it took to tell it, but the fact that no one in the family were injured was more than could be understood, when all the homes and the school building were all blown and torn to kindling wood. An anvil in a blacksmith shop here was blown at least fifty yards.

We would like to give our readers more of the terrible things to be seen along the storm's path, but time and space forbid; however, we hope to print some views in our next issue that will be of much greater interest than anything we could write.

Will be glad to have a few Pupils in Music at my home during the summer, beginning Tuesday, May 27. Will teach on Tuesdays and Fridays. Nell Hollway.

ANOTHER FAT AND LEAN BALL GAME

The big ballgame in this city last Friday afternoon, between the Fats and Leans resulted in a victory for the Leans, the score being three to eight. And now comes the Fats, who claim various and sundry reasons why the Leans won, and extend a challenge to the victors for another "tryout" on next Friday afternoon at four o'clock.

A good crowd was present and every one enjoyed the fun very much and it is expected that even a greater crowd will be present next Friday and the proceeds will as before go to the Cemetery Association.

METHODIST MEN ENJOY ADDRESS BY DR. STUCKEY

As per announcement in these columns last week, Dr. L. N. Stuckey, splendid and able pastor of St. Paul's Methodist church, Abilene, delivered an eloquent and forceful talk to the Men's Club of the Methodist church in Merkel, on last Friday evening, about thirty-five men being present.

After the address by Dr. Stuckey, all present were invited into the parlors of the church, where the entertainment committee, composed of Messrs. W. D. Hutcheson, J. E. Richardson and T. A. Beidleman served delicious refreshments; during which short but interesting talks were made by many of the laymen. Thus, the evening was indeed well spent; every one present declaring same to be a success in every respect.

IS OPERATED ON FOR APPENDICITIS

After having suffered for some weeks from a severe attack of Appendicitis, Miss Esther Rhoel, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Hays, was carried to Abilene on last Sunday afternoon, where on Monday, she underwent an operation for this dreaded disease.

While yet in a critical condition, Miss Rhoel, we are indeed glad to learn, seems to be improving at this writing; having withstood the operation most excellently.

The Mail joins the family's many friends here and elsewhere, in extending hope and best wishes for a speedy and permanent recovery of this one of our most estimable young ladies.

ALL DAY SERVICE AT UNION RIDGE 4TH SUNDAY

The Epworth League program at Union Ridge, announced for the first Sunday was postponed until the fourth Sunday, May 27. There will be an all day service with program as follows:—

Children's day service at 10 a. m.
Old People's service at 11 a. m.
Dinner at 12 o'clock.
Singing from 1:45 to 2:30.
Program by Merkel League, 2:30.

Sermon by the pastor at 8:00. All are requested to wear flowers at the morning services, where possible. A bouquet will be presented to the oldest person present and also one to the oldest church member present. U. S. Bird, pastor.

Blacksmith Coal. Swafford Phone 44. South side.

COLORADO STORM PICTURES AT COZY

Our progressive and enterprising Theatre manager, H. P. Groene, secured some wonderful pictures of the destructive force and freakishness of the cyclone that devastated a sixty mile section of the Big Spring and Colorado country early Monday morning. These views about 50 or 60 in number will be shown on the screen at the Cozy Theatre Friday night and Saturday Matinee and will doubtless be one of the best and most interesting and unusual exhibitions ever shown in Merkel.

CHURCH OF CHRIST NOTES

Bible Classes assemble at 10 o'clock; Prayer meeting at 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening; ladies Bible lesson on each Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and all who can are urged to come, bring your Bible and study the lesson with us. Tuesday's lesson will be taken from Matt. 14 to 18 inclusive. Twenty-five were present at our last meeting and an interesting and instructive lesson was had. There some new faces in our Classes last Sunday and we were glad to see them. Come again.

The ladies of the church of Christ met at the church Tuesday afternoon and packed a box for the Orphan home at Canadian. They plan to send a box each month.

Mrs. Jones, daughter of Mr. W. P. Duckett visited her father and mother last week. Her home is in Dallas.

FIRE DESTROYS A HOME & CONTENTS

At about 10:30 Monday morning the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Patterson, and all furniture etc., was completely destroyed by fire, which we are informed was caused from the explosion of an oil stove.

The fire boys made a quick run and did all in their power to stop the flames, but as the wind was very high, it only took a few minutes in which to completely destroy the home and contents.

We understand the house and furniture was insured for \$3,000, which will partially cover the loss, which is indeed very heavy on these splendid people. We join the community in extending deep sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Patterson.

RETURNS FROM FISHING TRIP

Messrs. Ross Ferrier, Bob McDonald, and Guy Darsey returned Wednesday from a fishing trip to the great Medina Lake, located near San Antonio, where they spent several days fishing and camping out. These gentlemen, we understand took with them a gasoline motor boat, which Mr. Ferrier planned and built himself, and with the aid of same enjoyed themselves on the big lake, and which no doubt aided them very much in their success at fishing for the finny tribe.

Uncle Tom Smith was made happy this week by having as guests in his home his brother, M. D. Smith, of Hatchel, Texas and sisters, Mrs. Graves, from Hatchel and Mrs. McDaniel of Gouldbusk, Texas.

PARENT TEACHERS CLUB

The Parent Teacher Club held their regular monthly meeting, on Wednesday of last week. A splendid program was rendered. The greatest portion of the program was given by the pupils of the school. Mrs. Fred S. Rogers paid a very glowing tribute to our teachers and at the close presented them with a very lovely bouquet of pink carnations. We also had a most splendid report from our delegates to Amarilla convention. Both Mrs. Cummings and Mrs. Booth came back so filled and inspired with the meeting that they were not willing that we should let any opportunities pass or any time be wasted during the vacation season. So the club voted to continue to meet regularly on during the summer.

Mrs. R. O. Anderson was elected to fill the President's chair during the summer months and the meetings to be in the homes. The next meeting will be with Mrs. R. O. Anderson the second Wednesday afternoon in June. We are anxious that we continue to have large attendance during the summer months and let's lay plans for doing great things next school term. We had a splendid attendance at this meeting and Miss Tracy's room was awarded the banner for having the most parents present.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

All regular services except Sunday evening service, which is called off on account of the School service to be held at the Methodist Church.

Sunday at 11 a. m. Bro. O. F. Smith of Tuscola will bring a message. Those who heard Bro. Smith when he preached for us about a year ago will need no urging to come and hear him Sunday. Brother Smith is one of our best pastors and preachers. His consecrated life makes his message all the more effective.

Since we are to have company again and since this is the last Sunday before vacation time let's do our best to have 400 in attendance in Sunday school.

With 376 present last Sunday it will not require a great deal of work to get the 400 if all of us will come back Sunday.

A cordial invitation is extended to strangers and visitors to come and worship with us. All Baptists who have moved into Merkel territory are urged to come and identify yourselves with the church. We have the promise of some to come in Sunday. Why not make it unanimous by all coming on and lining up Sunday. Come find a place to worship and to serve. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

OPENING NEW CAFE

Mr. Fred Latham who on different occasions in the past has conducted a Cafe business in Merkel, and who returned to this city some weeks ago, is preparing to open a new and up to date Cafe in the Gaither Building on Main Street.

He is a good cafe man, and will have a nice place, well located in the heart of the city. He expects to be ready for business about the first of the month.

MR. HELLM SELL S WAGON YARD

Mr. W. A. Hellums informs us that he closed a deal last week for the sale of his wagon yard property in this city to Mr. W. H. Pent, of Sweetwater, who has already taken charge of same. The price paid for this property was \$8,200.

MERKEL SCHOOLS TO CLOSE TO-DAY

This week will close this session of the Merkel Public school. The closing exercises yet to be held are the Grammar School Graduation Exercises on Friday evening at 8:30, the Commencement Sermon on Sunday evening, the Commencement Exercises on Monday evening. All of these exercises are to be held at the Methodist Church and are to begin promptly at 8:30. No charges will be made for any of these exercises yet to be held. However, because of limited room, it will be necessary to reserve seats. We hope that the Public generally will see the necessity of these seats being reserved, and be considerate of those who on these occasions have a difficult job. On Friday evening seats will be reserved for the parents of the members of the seventh grade who graduate, for the trustees and their wives, and for the pastors. The remainder of the seats will be open to the first comers. Again on Sunday evening, and on Monday evening, seats will be reserved for the parents of the members of the Senior class, the trustees and their wives, and the pastors. First comers will get the rest of the seats. If you are not included in the above, please do not ask the ushers to seat you in the reserved seat section, for then some parent coming later will be deprived of a seat.

It is impossible to reserve seats for all relatives of the classes.

Programs for the remaining numbers of the closing exercises are given below. The public generally is invited to attend any and all of these.

Grammar School Graduation. Processional, Miss Roberta Gay. Invocation.

Song, "America, My Country", Seventh Grade.
Address to Class, Judge Thos. E. Hayden.
Presentation of Diplomas.
Song, "School Friends", Seventh Grade.

Benediction.
Program For Commencement Sermon

Prelude.
Processional, Miss Roberta Gay.
Invocation, Rev. Ira L. Parrack, Hymn.

Quartet.
Sermon, Rev. W. O. Dallas, Pastor of 1st. Christian Church, Abilene.
Hymn.

Benediction.
Program For Commencement Exercises, Monday Evening

Prelude.
Processional, Miss Roberta Gay
Invocation, Rev. Fred S. Rogers "Forward", Senior Class.
Violin Solo, Miss Lynn Thompson.

Baccalaureate Address, Bishop H. A. Boaz.
Awarding of Certificates and Scholaships.

Presentation of Diplomas.
"Farewell", Senior Class.
Benediction.

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Friday night, May 25th, the Intermediate Endeavors will have a Penny Reception in the basement of the church. A penny to get in, out, etc. So every member come and bring plenty of pennies with you.

Sunday night, June 3, the Little Light Beavers, Junior and Intermediate Christian Endeavor Societies will give a program. Our society will render a program just as we do at our regular meetings together with a play entitled, "The Dark Continent." A free-will offering will be taken, the proceeds of which will go to our society.

Committees are you performing your duties properly? Do not put off until tomorrow, what you can do today.

The Executive Committee will hold its monthly meeting next Tuesday night at 7:30 at the home of Majorie Eland. All members of this committee please be present.

The topic for Sunday is, "Something in the Bible That has helped me." C. E. Publicity Committee.

Program Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

Introduction by leader, Fannie Bell Boaz.

2. Robert Raikes, "Gilbert Walton."
3. William Fox, Ona Tatum.
4. William Brodie Gurney, Godie Richie.
5. Early Societies in England Comer Patterson.
6. Early Societies in America, Mary Eilen Smith.
7. B. F. Jacobs the uniform lessons, Delbert Polly.

Rev. M. C. Hays, past or of the local Methodist Church, in company with Mr. L. R. Thompson, accepted an invitation to address the Men's Club of St. Paul's Methodist Church at Abilene, Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Grisham of Dallas, were here over last Sunday for a visit with the latter's father and family, Mr. J. T. Howard, of the F. and M. National Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Grisham made the trip overland by auto.

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Miss Lynn Thompson will take pupils in English and History, for any who wish to make credits in those subjects. Arrangements have been made to have this work approved. Phone 130.

The C. E. Topic for Sunday is "Something in the Bible that has helped me." It

Mr. Buchanan and son arrived Wednesday from California, where they have been for some time.

E. D. Coats, wife and son left Thursday morning for Breckenridge and Crystal Falls on an outing and will fish some in their rounds.

Homer Jobe, who has been here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe has returned to his home in Eastland.

Welcome to the interdenominational Society of Christian Endeavor. It

THE BOY SCOUTS

People of Merkel, if you have a boy, wouldn't you want to give that boy the best that he needs to train his mind and develop his body as well as his soul? If so, send him down to Boy Scout headquarters next Friday evening at eight o'clock, and get him into this splendid organization of Boy Scouts. And not only get your boy into it, but you get behind it yourself, and help it to train your boy.

In the last issue of the Merkel Mail, the function of the Boy Scout movement and some of its history was given by the assistance of Scout Master. Think about this history and the function of Boy Scouts and see what an extremely wonderful organization it is. If you have time, get a Boy Scout Handbook, and study it, then you will see what it stands for.

Let us have a good attendance of Scouts and visitors on next Friday night at 8 p. m. at headquarters and Scouts, let's make the meeting interesting. Scout Hutchison, Scribe.

MEXICAN MOTHER DIES

Sunday afternoon, Senora Petra Morgueche departed from this life, leaving to mourn her going, a little ten months old babe.

Hers had been a lingering illness added with sorrow of enforced separation from her husband. Those who ministered to her during her last illness say she left every evidence of a true Christian.

The funeral was conducted from the old Counts house near where a number of Mexicans are camping. The service which was attended by a number of Mexicans and some of the local people, was conducted by pastor Parrack of the local Baptist church. After the service the body was laid to rest in the local cemetery where kind friends brought a beautiful floral arrangement almost covering the mound with bright beautiful flowers.

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RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$331,064.83
Cotton	None
U. S. Securities	13,600.00
Other Bonds and Warrants	27,672.19
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	900.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Other Real Estate	4,100.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
CASH & SIGHT EX.	135,933.72
Total	\$520,033.24

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	9,366.29
Circulation Acct.	6,250.00
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
DEPOSITS	439,416.95
Total	\$520,033.24



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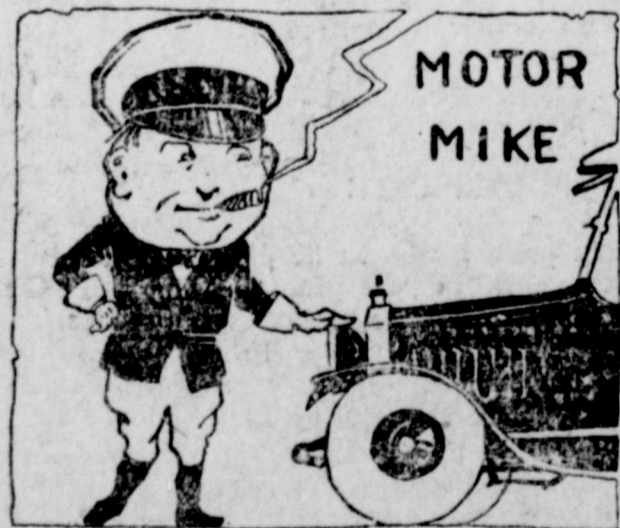
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Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald, visited relatives at Westbrook Tuesday of this week, and while there drove out thru the storm stricken area through Mitchell county, and which they saw all others who have visited same report finding a sad condition.

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Booth Warren left first of the week for Dallas, where he will attend the State Bankers convention, as a representative of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel.

GRADUATING TIME

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The following item from last week's Avalanche concerns a former Rock Port girl, then Miss Charlotte Thompson; Mrs. Paul C. Perryman of Ord, Nebraska, arrived Sunday morning to visit a week at the home of her mother, Mrs. Sue A. Thompson. Mrs. Perryman expects to leave tomorrow for Villisca, Iowa, where she will join a delegation of Nebraska ladies en route to Atlanta, Georgia, to attend a meeting of the council of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Perryman is transportation Chairman of the organization. She did the Avalanche the honor of ordering badges, to be worn by the delegates, printed here.—Atchison County Mail.

Mrs. Perryman is a sister of our fellow townsman, Mr. L. R. Thompson, cashier of the F. & M. National Bank.

WILLAM SUDDETH

Saturday, May 12, William J. Suddeth answered the call that is sure to come to each of us some time. William was only 19 years of age and was sick only a week, but death coming unexpectedly as it did found him prepared. Three years ago William had made a profession of faith in the Lord and had followed this profession with a life that proved he was in earnest. He joined the Baptist church at Rainbow in Summerville County where he lived at that time.

The family had been in this county only a short time, and were nearly total strangers in Merkel. However, they were old acquaintances of "Aunt Amanda Curtis and Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Smith.

The funeral was conducted at the Baptist church at 3 p. m. Sunday. Pastor Parrack was assisted in the service by Pastor Rogers of the Presbyterian church. After the service, which was well attended by the people of Merkel and of Nubia, in which community the family resides, at the present, the body was laid to rest in the local cemetery under a bank of flowers that had been brought as an expression of sympathy and as a token of respect for the bereaved family.

It is indeed gratifying to know that the young man left behind him the assurance that he was going to his real home.

We do not think of him as among strangers now but we think of him as in the presence of the risen Lord and all the redeemed that have gone on before.

May the Lord, who alone can comfort in an hour like this, extend to them the real comfort of the soul. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Porter returned first of the week from their stay at Tulsa, Okla. of several months.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mother's Day brought a good attendance to all the services. The Choir rendered a very excellent program Sunday night, a songalogue, entitled the "Mother of Men". There is always something good in store those who come to these services.

Next Sunday we hope to see the crowds continue to increase. There is much of interest and instruction in all the exercises of the Sunday school, not only do you miss something worth while when you are absent, but we miss you. It takes every member of the church and Sunday school working all of the time to keep things going, so not only are you missed but you are needed.

There will be services at the eleven o'clock hour, but no services at night. Services at Comper school house will be held at 3:30 Sunday afternoon. All are invited to attend. Fred S. Rogers, Pastor.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB NOTES

Mrs. B. T. Sublett entertained the club at her home on Bettis Heights Friday afternoon.

In spite of the lovely sandstorm, a good crowd was present, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all.

The first hour was spent in friendly conversation and gossip then a contest was brought forth and a written examination was given each member to see which could make the most words out of the word Friendship. Mrs. Sam Owens received first prize, which was a large pink powder puff. Mrs. Jasper McCoy, claimed the second prize, which created quite an excitement as she untied and unwrapped for several minutes, and was pleased to find an Onion as the foundation of the package.

The next few minutes were spent working puzzles. The guests proved to be good in addition, also in division. Mrs. A. E. Brown, the best of all, received a linen handkerchief.

The contest enjoyed most, came next. Slips of paper were given each guest and on the slips were names of objects placed about the room and a search was made to find the object to correspond with the slips.

Appitizing refreshments of Strawberry cream, chocolate and cocconut cake was served by Mrs. W. J. Haynes, Mrs. V. T. Sublett.

MORE OIL AT STITH WELL

Notwithstanding the fact that there is but little being said, an everything and every body connected with the Stith well of the C. H. Oil & Development Company, some five miles north east of Merkel, seem absolutely closedup, as far as putting out any information regarding developments at the well, yet there are rumors which seem to come from the "inside" to the effect that after drilling only a foot or two deeper into the sand, considerable more oil and some gas have shown up. And there are rumors afloat to the effect that this well is already a producer of from fifty to seventy-five barrels, provided the drill was stopped now. But it seems as if those in charge were of the opinion that to send the drill on down probably just a few feet deeper, they might find the fluid in bigger paying quantities. Any way, to take the rumors and the present appearance of things, it seems that Merkel may within the next few days or weeks at most find herself right in the middle of a big oil field.

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Of the most complete stock of brand new, up-to-date merchandise Ever offered in Merkel, Consists of dry goods, clothing, shoes, hats, ladies ready-to-wear and infact Every thing you need in the dry goods line. We offer our entire stock to the Public for 15 days, at a GREAT SAVING. Merchandise is advancing daily, but we were fortunate enough to purchase our stock before the advance, and now we offer our customers for 15 days only, the biggest opporntnity to buy merchandise at lowest prices. Our store is full to the brim with bargains, with everything that is in the dry goods line, come and see for your self. Don't miss this opportunity to get your supplies of summer goods at this extra low price.

A REAL SALE That is what you find at the store. When we announce a sale it is a REAL Sale

It begins May 19th and Closes June 2nd

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10 DAYS BARGAIN SALE

J. D. Robinson of Vernon, Texas has bought the A. T. Lyle stock of Dry Goods, shoes, clothing and ladies ready-to-wear at this place and after making an investigation as to the usual prices here, find that the people of this community are entitled to a real price cutting sale, WHICH FOR 25 YEARS I have been known as the greatest price producer, Texas has ever had. It will be a pleasure for me to open the greatest bargain giving sale ever held in this section of the country on

Thursday May The 17th

and for 10 days the greatest reduction that was ever known in Merkel, Texas will be given on the

A. T. Lyle Stock of High Grade Merchandise Bought at 50 cents on the Dollar

The same great bargains that I bought this stock for will be passed out to the good people of the Merkel trading territory. Don't dissappoint your self and family by not coming to this great sale, the only SALE LIKE THIS ONE YOU EVER HAD A CHANCE TO VISIT. Positively Saturday May the 26th will be the final day for this great bargain event. The remainder of the stock will be packed and moved to Vernon, Texas.

\$5,000 WORTH OF NEW SPRING GOODS GOES IN THIS SALE

Prices unbelievable! You will have to visit this sale to be convinced. Not room to quote many prices. A glance at the few gives you an idea of the most wonderful bargains of a life time. You can not afford to miss this sale and give your self justice This is no Junk Sale, it is a strict business proposition. We buy stocks of merchandise almost daily at prices that enable us to offer high class merchandise to the public that they can come for many miles and lay in a supply to last for a while.

All Stock and Store Fixtures For Sale at Bankrupt Prices

<p>25,000 YARDS OF SPRING GOODS GOES IN THIS GREAT SALE</p> <p>50 pieces good quality percal, 19c values 5 yds for 39c 3000 yds 20c gingham, good spring patterns 5yds 49c 5000 yds extra quality 25c gingham, 5 yds. 69c One lot best no fade gingham, cheap at 35c, 5yds. 89c Just received large shipment of Summer voils, worth 25c 5 yds. for 49c 36 inch voils and orlandies, 50c and 75c values, 4 1/2 yards for 98c Blue Bell Shirting Best Made, worth 29c, 5yds 89c Good 25c Shirting 5 yds. 69c Handkerchiefs, 3 for 11c Ladies Handkerchiefs, 4 for 15c 5000 yards Remnant Bargains</p>	<p>DRESSES FOR LESS THAN COST OF MATERIAL 500 IN TH LOT</p> <p>House Aprons, 65c Values 29c House Dress, \$1.25 to \$1.65 Values for 79c 1 lot Gingham dresses real \$2.50 to \$3.00 Values \$1.69 1 lot Childrens Dresses worth \$1.00, choice 59c 1 lot Childrens dresses, worth \$1.25 to \$1.50, 89c 1 lot extra gingham dresses for 98c</p> <p>LITTLE NOTION REMINDER</p> <p>Best Hair net, regular price, 2 for 25c 2 for 5c 1000 paper dress pins, 5 papers for 9c Best Safety Pins, 3 papers for 8c 1 lot Buttons, Values to 10c, 5 cards for 10c</p>	<p>5000 PAIR LADIES, CHILDREN & MEN'S HOSE PRICES HALF AND LESS</p> <p>1 lot Ladies Silk Hose, \$1.00 Value 39c 1 lot Ladies Silk \$1.25 hose for 59c 1 lot Pure Silk hose, real \$1.50 Value 89c Large assortment \$1.75 and \$2.00 silk hose 98c 1 lot Ladies good every day hose, 2 pair for 19c Men's sock, good quality, 12 pair for 89c 1 lot Men's Socks, 19c Values, 2 pair 19c 1 lot Men's good quality 25c socks, 2 pair for 29c 1 lot children Fancy Socks, cheap at 29c, 2 pr. 29c 1 lot Children Lisle Socks, 50c to 65c Value 29c 1 lot Silk and Lisle Sox, regular 75c to 90c Values, 39c Men's \$1.00 Silk Hose 49c</p>
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Clothing and Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes

<p>Boys \$5.00 Summer Suits 1.98 Mens \$6.50 to \$8.50 Summer Suits 2.69 to 3.39 Mens Khaki pants 1.10 1 lot Boys overalls good quality 43c 1 lot boys good overalls 69c Mens \$2.00 overalls for 1.39 1 lot Men's Collars, 1c Men's Union Suits 49c Lace and Embroidery 1c</p>	<p>MEN'S SHIRTS! DON'T OVER LOOK THE GREAT REDUCTIONS</p> <p>Real \$1.00 and \$1.25 Shirts, Sale price, 69c Good quality \$1.50 to \$1.75 Shirts 98c Fancy Shirts, Values to \$2.00 1.19 Blue Banner Shirts, fast colors, 1.39 1 lot assorted silk shirts, Values to \$6.00 2.95 Blue Shirts for working men 59c Beter shirt, Blue and Gray also Kahki 89c</p>	<p>ONE LOT ODDS & ENDS IN LADIES OXFORDS</p> <p>Shoes and Tennis Shoes, Cheap for 39c 1 lot assorted shoes 69c 1 lot assorted shoes 98c All \$4.50 Shoes at 2.95 \$5.50 to \$6.50 Shoes 3.95 Better Grade up to \$8.50 4.95 1 lot Ladies \$3.50 Low Heel Shoes for 1.95 1 lot Children and Boys shoes for 89c</p>
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\$25,000 Worth of High Grade Merchandise in this Great Sale

Don't miss this great opportunity. A hint to the wise is sufficient. Come to this great sale and be proud of your coming a few, miles should not stand in your way. A few dollars saved is that much made. This stock will be closed out regardless of all cost the last chance to buy new merchandise at a saving of almost half. Don't be afraid to come in, we are always glad to show you through whether you buy or not.

The sale closes Saturday, May 26, the last day---the remainder of the stock will be moved immediately. Come and visit a real Sale, something out of the ordinary. Be here the first day store opens at 8 o'clock, Thursday morning, May 17th.

Store Closed all day Wednesday the 16th to mark all goods down.

Yours very Respectfully,

J. D. ROBINSON

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Merkel, Texas

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IN
"The Fighting Pretender"

Also—
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Tuesday May 22th } **Wm. Duncan** IN
ONE NIGHT ONLY } "BRING HIM IN"

OWING TO MANY PEOPLE—

Not being able to get here during our Dollar Sale, we have agreed to put it on for Friday and Saturday only, the 18th and 19th. The Brown Dry Goods Company. 1t

Voile, Crepe, Taffeta, China silk, and wool dresses, Coat suits, Men's suits, boys suits, cleaned and pressed by help who know how. One day service—no gas odor. Ligon, the laundryman, Phone 218. tf

ICE NOTICE

We now deliver Ice every day. Our Coupon Books are also ready, and by buying them for CASH, you save money on the discount given on coupons. You save both money and time by buying coupons. Phone 203. The Merkel Ice Company. tf

Durability comes first, we have it. SERVICE comes next, we give it. SATISFACTION is what we all want, we guarantee it. Cash Tailor Shop. Phone 180. tf

Mrs. L. B. Howard and baby girl, were here several days first of the week from their home in Brownfield this week. Mrs. Howard also informed the Merkel aMil that they would soon move to Colorado, where Mr. Howard will have the management of the Jones Dry Goods Company's big Dry Goods store in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Neece Hancock and children, of Brownfield were here several days this week, mixing with old friends. They report liking their new home fine; being especially proud of the progressive spirit found among the people of that splendid and growing West Texas town.

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GOLAN ITEMS

Every one is invited to attend the Children and Mothers' day program Sunday, May 27. We are going to have dinner on the ground, at the Methodist church. Come bring some one with you. Help us out on our program.

We had a real good Sunday school Sunday. Good lessons were reported, and there were over 1,000 chapters read the past week. We are in a big Bible Campaign.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Northcutt visited Mr. P. W. Lawlis and family Sunday.

Miss Vaughn West from Floyd dada is visiting her uncle, W. M. West.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wodard, son and friend from Merkel were out on Sweetwater Creek fishing last week.

We have one more week of school after this one. Most every one will be glad when it is out.

Misses Thelma Cooper and Bettye Byrom were the guests of Miss Menvil Hill Sunday.

Every one enjoyed the party Saturday night at the home of Mr. Charlie Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Byrom and children visited Mr and Mrs W. C. Hill Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jeffery attended Mother's day at Sylvester Sunday. Everyone enjoyed the good singing at Golan Sunday afternoon.

Miss Lettie Duncan and father were the guests of Mrs. C. C. Stribbling Sunday. They attended church at Shiloh also.

Luther Davis conducted prayer services at the church Sunday night.

Misses Bettie Byrom and Thelma Cooper are planning to attend the Summer normal at the John Tarleton Agricultural College, this summer.

Messrs. A. V. Dye, A. Brown and A. F. Sanders returned first of the week from San Marcos, where they attended the annual meeting of the State Fireman's Convention.

While away they also visited the city of San Antonio, and report a grand time all of the way it around.

Blacksmith Coal. Swafford Phone 44. South side. 1t

Mrs. M. G. Williams is visiting in Rotan.

The price makes the goods sell, at A. L. Jobe's. 18t2.

Mr. Sanduskey and son were here from Abilene Sunday.

Blacksmith Coal. Swafford, Phone 44. South side. 1t

Miss Amy Bradshaw of Simmons College visited home folks and friends in Merkel Sunday.

Mrs. John M. Rice and baby of Abilene were visitors here Sunday.

Dr. Charley Williams was up from Abilene Sunday visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock and children were visiting relatives in Abilene Sunday.

Mrs. M. J. Bankhead visited her daughter, Mrs. Graves in Abilene Sunday.

The Merkel School faculty enjoyed a picnic at Lake Abilene Saturday evening.

Mr. Lanier, who is arranging to enter A. C. C., Abilene, was in the city Sunday.

For a mental and spiritual Spring tonic, try going to the Christian Endeavor.

Carpets Cleaned, scrubbed and ized. Ligon, the Laundryman. Phone 218. tf

Larger shipment of Queensware expected daily at A. L. Jobe's. 1t

For Dishes and Crockery ware go to Jobe's Store.

Mr. R. L. Bland returned on Wednesday from a business trip to Brownwood.

Miss Emma Lee Hemby, of Sweetwater, was the week end guest of Miss Lillian Watts.

Hints to the wise are sufficient, so each member of C. E. who sees this is expected to be present next Sunday.

Dan Simpson will preach at Union over on the river next Sunday and Gary Jordan will conduct the song service for him.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Adeock and children and Mrs. J. M. Bankhead visited relatives in Abilene Sunday.

Miss Icyce Shelton of Clyde returned to her home at Clyde, after spending a week or more with her sister, Mrs. Guy B. Tabor.

Mesdames Dowdy and Steadman of Trent, were here Wednesday to visit their relatives. Mrs. T. M. Pribble, who is real sick.

John Morton and family have moved in from the Mt. Pleasant community and are occupying the Houghton residence, first door north of the Church of Christ.

Roger Haynes who has been living at one of the big old field towns in Arkansas, is here this week for a visit with home folks and friends.

Elder W. G. Cypert left Friday night for Troy Bell County where he goes to hold a series of meetings under the auspice of the Church of Christ.

Mrs. Green is here from Hamlin to spend several days in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hale returned first of the week from east Texas, where they spent several days visiting among friends and relatives. Their many friends here welcome their return.

Presiding Elder W. M. Lane and wife were in Merkel Sunday from Abilene. Rev. Lane preached both at the morning and evening hours. Both services were well attended, and splendid messages were heard.



FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Few bushels First year Kasch Cotton Seed. T. J. R. Swafford. Phone 44. South side.

FOR SALE—Good Jersey milk Cow. See Mrs. Nannie Causseaux. 1tp

FOR SALE—Tomato Plants that will bear tomatoes. C. L. McNeese. 1tp

FOR SALE—Oats, 55c per bushel at my farm 8 miles south east of Merkel. J. Walter Hammond. 12t4p

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Three furnished rooms. Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw. 1t

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Accordion, box and knife pleating. If you want to look dresy, have me do your cleaning and pressing. No gas odor—one day service. Ligon, the Laundry man, phone 218. tf

Be particular about your cleaning and pressing, have it done the right way. It doesn't cost any more. No gas odor—one day service. Ligon, the laundryman, phone 218. tf

GO - DEVILS

We have a few go devils left.

You can

"Get the Weeds"

with them, if you have the weeds to get.

Crockery of all kinds and sizes milk jars, churns, crocks, jugs, etc. Ice cream freezers, water coolers, lawn mowers, fishing tackle, water hose, chopping hoes; everything in the hardware line.

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One ounce of Royal Baking Powder is worth a ton of cheaper baking powders when you consider the superiority in the quality, healthfulness and taste of food prepared with it.

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OUR
BIG MAY CLEARANCE SALE

BEGINS SATURDAY MAY 19th
\$50,000. Bright, New, Staple Merchandise

Prices greatly reduced to meet present demands. Many articles lower than whole sale costs to day. Not selling out at 50c on the dollar but giving you an actual saving of 25 to 33 1/2 per cent on every article. Remember we stand behind each and every article sold and anything purchased, not satisfactory will be cheerfully exchanged on other merchandise. No goods charged at these prices, and these rules will be strictly adhered to.

BARGAINS IN MEN'S SUITS

All \$50.00 Hart-Schafner and Marx Blue Serge and Worsted Suits, this sale, \$42.95
 All \$45.00 Hart-Schafner and Marx Blue Serge, Striped Worsted and Cassimere Suits, this sale . . . \$37.50
 All \$40.00 Men's Blue Serge, Striped and fancy Worst-ed Suits, now \$32.50
 All \$30.00 Men's Blue, Worsted and Cassimere Suits, this sale, \$23.95
 One lot Men's Worsted Suits, Values up to \$35.00 this sale \$19.75
 One Lot Men's Tropical Wosted Suits, Values up to \$40.00, this sale \$25.00
 One Lot Men's Palm Beach and Mohair Suits, Values up to \$25.00, this sale \$13.95
 One Lot Men's Light weight Summer Cool-Cloth suits, Values up to \$15.00, this sale \$9.98
 One Lot Men's Blue Serge Pants, Values up to \$10.00, this sale \$7.98
 One Lot Men's Blue Serge and Worsted Pants, Values up to \$8.50, this sale \$6.98
 One Lot Men's Blue Serge and Fancy Worsted Pants, Values up to \$7.50, this sale, \$5.95
 One Lot Men's dress Pants, Values up to \$4.00, this sale \$2.98
 One Lot Men's Khaki Pants, Values up to \$1.75, this sale \$1.29

BIG SHIRT VALUES

All \$7.50 Men's Dress Shirts this sale \$4.95
 All \$5.00 Mens'DressShirts, this sale \$3.50
 All \$3.50 Men's Dress shirts, this sale \$2.79
 All \$2.50 Men's Dress Shirts, this sale \$1.98
 All Men's \$1.50 Dress Shirts, this sale \$1.29
 One Lot Men's Dress Shirts, Odds and Ends, Values up to \$3.00 this sale9
 All Men's \$1.25 Kit Ties, this sale89c
 All Men's \$1.00 Knit Ties, this sale79c
 One Lot Men's Knit and Silk Ties, Values up to \$1.00 this sale49

SHOE BARGAINS

One Table Ladies Shoes, former prices u pto \$7.50, this sale, \$2.95
 One able Men's Dress Shoes, Odds and Ends, Values up to \$8.50, this sale \$3.95
 One Lot Men's Dress Oxfords in Black Kangaroo and Brown Kid, this sale, \$4.95
 One Lot Florshiem shoes and Oxfords, Values up to \$10.00, this sale \$6.95
 All \$10.00 Florshiem Oxfords and Shoes, this sale \$8.49
 All \$12.00 Florshiem Shoes and Oxfords, this sale \$8.95
 One Lot \$6.00 Men's Dress Shoes in Brown Kid and Red calf skin, this sale \$4.95
 Edmonds Foot Fitter Shoes, \$7.00 Values,

this sale \$4.85
 One Lot Women's Dress Oxfords and Strap Pumps, Values up to \$7.50, this sale \$4.98
 One Lot Women's Dress Oxfords and Strap Pumps, Values up to \$8.50 and \$10.00, this sale \$5.98
 One Lot Girl's Sport Oxfords and Two Tone Strap Pumps, Values up to \$7.50, this sale \$5.98

MEN'S UNION SUITS

All Men's \$1.00 Grade Union Suits, this sale 85c
 All Men's \$1.50 Grade Union Suits, this sale... \$1.29
 All Men's \$2.50 and \$3.00 Grade Union Suits, this sale \$1.98
 Children's Summer Union Suits, 85c Grade, this sale69

STETSON HATS

We have the most complete line of Stetson Hats of any Store in this part of the country and can give you just what you want in a Stetson.
 All \$15.00 3x Beaver Stetson San Ann Hats in Black and White, this sale \$12.95
 All \$10.00 Clear Nutria Stetson Hats, in White only this sale \$7.95
 All \$13.50 Big 4 Stetson Hats in Black and White, this sale \$10.50
 All \$13.50 Carlsbad Stetson Hats in white only, this sale \$10.95
 All \$7.50 Stetson Hats, San Ann, Pholax and Fancy Shapes, all colors, this sale \$5.95
 One Lot Men's Dress Hats, Odds and Ends, Values up to \$6.50, this sale \$3.95
 One Lot Men's Dress Hats, Fancy Shapes, all colors, Values up to \$5.00 and \$6.00 this sale \$2.95

BIG REDUCTION IN LADIES READY TO WEAR AND MILLINERY

All \$27.50 Ladies Silk and Canton Crepe Dresses, this sale, \$21.95
 All \$25.00 Ladies Silk and Canton Crepe Dresses, this sale \$19.75
 All \$22.50 Ladies Silk and Canton Crepe Dresses, this sale \$17.95
 All \$17.50 and \$19.50 Ladies Silk and Canton Crepe Dresses. This Sale \$13.95
 One Lot Ladies Gingham Dresses, regular price, \$4.75 this sale \$3.9
 One Lot Ladies Ratine Dresses, regular \$7.50 values this sale \$5.95
 One Lot Ladies White Wash Blouses, special, this sale for only, \$1.49
 One Lot Georgette White Blouses, special, this sale \$1.49
 One Lot Georgette Blouses, Values up to \$7.50, Special this sale \$2.98
 One Lot Georgette Blouses, special this sale \$1.95

SPECIALS IN STAPLES DEPARTMENT

Good Heavy 36 inch bleached domestic, 25c value, this sale 19c
 Good Heavy Sea Island Domestic, well worth 20c, this sale 15c
 Good Heavy 10-4 Bleached Sheeting, special this sale only 59c
 Good Heavy 9-4 Bleached Sheeting, Special this sale only 53c
 27 inch Birds Eye, regular Price, 10 yards, \$2.50 special, this sale \$1.98
 Good Grade Dress Gingham, special this sale 18c
 Good Grade Dress Gingham, 25c Values, this sale only 23c
 Good 32 inch Dress Gingham, regular 30c Value this sale only 25c

DRESS GOODS SPECIALS

All \$2.75 Crepe de chine, special this sale \$1.79
 All \$2.50 Chiffon Taffeta, special this sale \$1.98
 All \$2.00 Taffeta and Messalins, special this Sale \$1.79
 One Lot \$1.50 Tan Silk Pongee, slightly damaged, on sale 85c
 All \$2.00 Silk Pongee, this sale \$1.49
 All \$3.50 Flat Crepe in Blackk and Navy Blue, this sale \$2.98
 All \$2.50 Canton Crepe, all colors this sale \$2.19
 All \$1.00 Grade White Organdies this sale 79c
 All 85c Grade White and colored organdies this sale 6c
 All \$1.25 All-over Embroidery, this sale 98c
 All 35c White Lawn, this sale 29c
 All 30c White Lawn, this sale 24c
 All Fancy White Lawn, this sale 19c

BIG LACE SPECIAL

All 35c Lace and insertion, this sale 19c
 All 30c Lace and Insertion, this sale 17c
 All 20c Lace and Insertion, this sale 15c
 One Special Lot Lace and insertion this sale 5c
 One Special Lot Lace and Insertion, this sale 3c

MILLINERY SPECIALS

One Lot Ladies and Misses Hats, former Values up to \$5.95, Special this sale \$1.95
 One Lot Ladies Hats, Values up to \$8.95 in the early season, now on special sale \$3.95
 One Lot Beautiful Gold Medal and McRoy Pattern Hats, Special this sale \$4.9
 10 Percent off on all Mid-Summer Hats.
 One Lot aLadies Face eVils in Black, Brown, Navy and Taupe, Special 15c
 One Half Price on all Large Veils.

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